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8/21/03 pCOMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMSIN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

1. ~~X~~ (Currently Amended) A hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet comprising from 3 to 20 % by mass of fibrillated rayon comprising primary larger non-micro fibers and smaller microfibers extending therefrom from the larger non-micro fibers, and a balance being non-fibrillated rayon and pulp having a length of at most 10 mm, wherein primary larger non-micro fibers have a length in a range of from 2.5 to 6.5 mm at a peak of mass distribution thereof, smaller microfibers having a length of at most 1 mm account for from 0.1 to 50% by mass of a self-weight of the fibrillated rayon, ~~and the microfibers are hydroentangled with each other or with other fibers~~, and wherein a surface friction resistance of the fibrous sheet when dry, measured according to an abrasion resistance test method of JIS P-8136, is at least three rubbing cycles.
2. ~~X~~ (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the surface friction resistance of the fibrous sheet in when wet is at least three rubbing cycles.
3. ~~X~~ (Currently Amended) The hydroentangled water-decomposable fibrous sheet as claimed in claim 1, of which the surface is pressed under heat so that the smaller microfibers of the fibrillated rayon in the surface are hydrogen-bonded to at least either of other microfibers and other fibers therein.
4. ~~X~~ (Canceled)